Commission for Women and many NGOs have also demanded setting up of separate women's jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): A separate jail for female prisoners was started at Hosangabad in the year 1992. On 16.10.1996, members of the Human Rights Commission, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal visited the female jail. It was observed that the relatives of the female prisoners could not come to see them from distant places. In its meeting held on 18-3-1997, the State Consultative Committee of the Jail Department also recommended the closure of the female jail. Keeping in view the plight and mental condition of female prisoners, the Government of Madhya Pradesh closed the jail vide Order dated 3-5-1997. The female prisoners have been transferred to Central jails, where separate annexes for women prisoners are available as per the recommendations of the All India Committee on Jail reforms 1980-83.

Custodial Deaths

51. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of custodial deaths recently;

(b) if so, the number of custodial deaths that took place, State-wise, during the last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check the custodial deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) Available information about the deaths that occurred in police custody during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Although 'Police is a State subject, the Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments, from time to time, to ensure that police behave in a humane manner and that cases of alleged custodial deaths and police excesses are enquired into and dealt with firmly. Special emphasis is being laid on human rights in the training curricula of police personnel at all levels. "Induction' and 'in-service' training programmes also include special inputs to sensitise police personnel about the use of scientific methods for investigation.

Statement

Number of deaths in police custody during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory Wise	1994	1995	1996
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3.	Assam	0	0	0
4.	Bihar	0	0	NA
5.	Goa	1	0	0
6.	Gujarat	0	0	0
7.	Haryana	0	0	0

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory Wise	1994	1995	1996
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4	4	0
10.	Karnataka	4	1	1
11.	Kerala	0	0	0
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5	0	0
13.	Maharashtra	6	1	5
14.	Manipur	0	0	0
15.	Meghalaya	1	0	0
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0
17.	Nagaland	0	2	0
18.	Orissa	1	0	1
19.	Punjab	1	0	1
20.	Rajasthan	3	1	5
21.	Sikkim	0	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	1	1	1
23.	Tripura	0	0	0
24.	Uttar Pradesh	9	12	3
25.	West Bengal	2	1	1
	Total (States)	38	23	20
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	0
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	N.A.
30.	Delhi	1	0	1
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	0
	Total (UTs)	1	0	1
	Total (All-India)	39	23	21

Source: Monthly Crime Statistics.

Note: 1. Figures are provisional

2. 1995 figures of Daman & Diu are upto November, 1995.

3. NA stands for Not Available.